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COMDT USAIMA FT BRAGG NC//ATSU-SATMO

DA WASHDC//DALO-SAC

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E.O. 11652: NA TAGS: MASS, CM

SUBJ: FMS CASE DA CAMEROON UAE

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1. REFTELS A AND B OBVIOUSLY CROSSED.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT UNFORTUNATELY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE AND SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ORDER BY MINISTER OF FINANCE AUTHORIZE ONLY MINISTER OF FINANCE AND/OR CAMEROONIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON TO SIGN DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH FMS CREDIT (SEE REF C) MOREOVER, MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL BELOW LEVEL OF MINISTER AND GENERAL (BOTH OF WHOM CURRENTLY OUT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOWN) BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT MINISTRY SHOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER FMS. AS A RESULT CURRENT OPINION IS THAT ONLY MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES HAS AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FMS CASES. WITH REGARD TO LOAN DOCUMENTS, MINISTRY REFUSES ALLOW EVEN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON TO SIGN WITHOUT ITS SPECIFIC PRIOR APPROVAL. AS A RESULT WE DOUBT THAT MINISTRY

WILL ACCEPT SIGNING BY MILITARY ATTACHE (REF A.)
EMBASSY PLANS TO CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR ACCEPTANCE BY
MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES OF CASES BAA AND UAE AND
SIGNING OF REQUESTS FOR DISBURSEMENT BY AMBASSADOR
(WHO IS CURRENTLY IN YAOUNDE) OR MINISTER OF FINANCE ON
21 AUGUST (REF B). IF ALL GOES WELL WE HOPE TO HAVE
ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN 24 AUGUST POUCH.

3. FOR THE RECORD, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IT HAS URGED MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR FMS SIGNING AND ACCEPTANCE TO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MINISTRY, HOWEVER, MAINTAINS THAT IT MUST HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL AND FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, REFUSES TO BUDGE ON THIS ISSUE. REST ASSURED, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PERSEVERE. MITHOEFER

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